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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A faucet comprising:

a spout body for receiving a supply of a heated water and a cooler water, and mixing and delivering water to a spout outlet, said spout body being positioned at a first upper vertical position; and

a pair of handles each being capable of being turned relative to said spout body to control the amount of heated and cooler water being delivered into said spout body, said handles being positioned at a second vertical position, below said first vertical position, said pair of handles each turning about an axis, said axes being spaced and parallel, and water passing through said handles, and mixing downstream of said handles, and the heated and cooler water not mixing until a location downstream of having passed through said pair of handles.

2. (Original) A faucet as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said handles turn with a central shaft, and water being supplied through a water supply line in said central shaft.

3. (Original) A faucet as set forth in Claim 2, wherein said central shaft has a radially outer surface, and said water supply line leading through said shaft and then extending radially outwardly to said radially outer surface.

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4. (Original) A faucet as set forth in Claim 2, wherein said spout body is a hollow manifold for receiving said heated and cooled water and mixing said heated and cool water within said manifold body.

5. (Previously Presented) A faucet comprising:
a spout body for receiving a supply of a heated water and a cooler water, and mixing and delivering water to a spout outlet, said spout body being positioned at a first upper vertical position;

a pair of handles each being capable of being turned relative to said spout body to control the amount of heated and cooler water being delivered into said spout body, said handles being positioned at a second vertical position, below said first vertical position;

said handles turn with a central shaft, and water being supplied through a water supply line in said central shaft;

said central shaft has a radially outer surface, and said water supply line leading through said shaft and then extending radially outwardly to said radially outer surface; and

said shaft extends above said radially outwardly extending outlet port, and a cap is received on said shaft on a remote side of said spout body from said handle.

6. (Currently Amended) A faucet comprising:

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a spout body for receiving a supply of a heated water and a cooler water, and mixing and delivering water to a spout outlet, said spout body being positioned at a first upper vertical position;

a pair of handles each being capable of being turned relative to said spout body to control the amount of heated and cooler water being delivered into said spout body, said handles being positioned at a second vertical position, below said first vertical position;

said handles turn with a central shaft, and water being supplied through a water supply line in said central shaft; and

said shaft extends into a lower face of said ~~a~~ manifold, and is supported within said ~~a~~ lower face of said manifold, and a water supply line extending axially through said shaft.

7. (Previously Presented) A faucet comprising:

a spout body for receiving a supply of a heated water and a cooler water, and mixing and delivering water to a spout outlet, said spout body being positioned at a first upper vertical position;

a pair of handles each being capable of being turned relative to said spout body to control the amount of heated and cooler water being delivered into said spout body, said handles being positioned at a second vertical position, below said first vertical position;

said handles turn with a central shaft, and water being supplied through a water supply line in said central shaft; and

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said water extends through the entirety of said shaft to a vertically upper end of said shaft and into a tube, said tube communicating through said spout body to said outlet.

8. (Original) A faucet as set forth in Claim 7, wherein said spout body includes a removable cover for covering said tubes.

9. (Original) A faucet as set forth in Claim 8, wherein said handles have a notch over a portion of a circumference, said notch allowing said handle to turn relative to said removable cover.

10. (Original) A faucet as set forth in Claim 7, wherein said tubes extend to an outlet fitting, said outlet fitting being positioned at an outlet in said spout body.

11. (Original) A faucet as set forth in Claim 10, wherein said tubes are supported in tube support structure adjacent to said fitting.